

Livestock Officer

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Overview: The Livestock Officer position is for early stage practitioners with a passion for agriculture, focused on livestock management and, interested in getting to be exposed to a variety of projects in the sector. There are opportunities to work with clients across the public, private and social sector and across multiple value chains to make a tangible impact to the agriculture and nutrition sector in Africa.

Job Title: Livestock Officer
Job Type: Full Time
Reports to Livestock Coordinator
Closing Date: 28th October 2020

Technical Focus

Support the design, implementation and evaluation of projects and programs for sustainable livestock management including livestock production, animal nutrition and forage production, animal health services, genetic improvement, development and capacity building of livestock beneficiaries through trainings and brochure delivery, institutional capacity development of service providers, value chain actors and engagement with private sector (implementing) partners in addressing challenges of dairy sector development in Nigeria according to the Advancing Local Dairy Development Program framework.

Key Results

Provision of technical expertise and capacity development for;

- (i) design of the implementation of project activities across communities in the selected states
- (ii) design in capacity building materials for training, group development and community action plans
- (iii) implementation support and evaluation of operations in accordance with the program plan.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the general supervision of the Productivity Improvement Manager and the immediate supervision of the Livestock Coordinator, the Livestock Production officer will contribute to activities related to livestock production components of the ALDDN program. In particular, the incumbent will:

- participate in the design and implementation of the livestock production activities that support good farming practices that regards to the development and usage of feed and fodder resources, efficient use of animal nutrition, provision of feed safety and other associated technical and policy issues including the agribusiness particularly marketing of animal feedstuffs;
- in collaboration with the Livestock production team in the office, participate in the development, implementation and technical support of ALDDN's Field Program relating to the production of feed resources, development of feeding standards and improvement of animal nutrition; provide advice to partners and beneficiaries on the importance of efficient use of animal nutrition in livestock development programs;
- develop strategies to enhance better utilization of available and potential animal feed resources and facilitate training of good feeding and nutritional practices;
- assist Livestock Coordinator in developing training calendar and modules (including infographic brochures, demo videos, Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and radio) in local languages for

dissemination) for farm record keeping, good dairy practices and the feed industry in developing and complying with feed safety/quality standards;

- contribute to technical support appropriate for ALDDN program activities such as to identify, engage, screen and issue contract to IVR service provider for video production for trainings and brochure productions to disseminate trainings through its channels and local radio stations to pass information to the dairy farmers in various communities
- support team in review of training contents for brochures and videos as well as contributing in developing materials and conducting training the trainers sessions for community health works (CHEWS), extension agents, small holder dairy farmers (model farmers) in livestock production and husbandry practices.
- contribute to the work and participate in field activities to promote interdisciplinary program interventions that relate to animal production and nutrition, dairy production and feed safety;
- keep up-to-date and informed on relevant developments; design and conduct analytical studies on specific technical and policy issues affecting animal nutrition, feed resources and feed safety;
- plan, organize and participate in both scientific and technical meetings and also prepare and edit reports, manuals, guidelines and other publications concerning livestock sector and ALDDN program;
- facilitate data collection and analyses that contributes to the ALDDN program implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
- perform other related duties as required.

Candidate will be evaluated based on:

Minimum Qualifications & Requirements:

- Bachelors' Degree in Animal Science, animal production and other related fields
- Minimum of two years' experience in livestock production, animal husbandry management, experience in formulation and implementation of agriculture-related projects,
- Working knowledge of English Language (both written and verbal).
- Understanding of local languages in the project implementation sites is an added advantage

Competences:

- Result focus and problem-solving skills
- Teamwork and building effective relationships
- Communication and knowledge sharing

Position based: Abuja, with occasional travels across Nigeria. Willingness to travel will be required for this position

Method of Application: Qualified and interested applicants should forward their CVs to recruiting@sahelcp.com with *Livestock Officer* as the subject of the mail. Due to a high volume of applicants, please understand that we are able to contact only those who meet the minimum qualifications.

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